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THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO) WILL COLLAPSE IF THE
UNITED STATES CARRIES OUT ITS THREAT TO QUIT, A LEADING ZAMBIAN
TRADE UNIONIST SAYS HERE.

GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE ZAMBIA CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS, MR.
NEWSTEAD ZIMBA IS REPORTED IN THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA AS SAYING THAT SINC
E
THE ILO RECEIVED MOST OF ITS FINANCES FROM AMERICA, THAT COUNTRY'S
LEAVING WOULD HAVE "DISASTROUS RESULTS."

THE ZCTU LEADER SAID HOWEVER, THAT AMERICA WOULD NOT USE THIS AS
A WEAPON FOR HOLDING OTHER MEMBER NATIONS TO RANSOM AND "PRESSURIZE
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THEM TO ACCEPT ITS DEMANDS."

HE CALLED ON THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO "THINK TWICE" ABOUT
WITHDRAWAL IN THE INTEREST OF THE WORKING MASSES, THE TIMES REPORT
SAYS.

MR. ZIMBA, WHO ATTENDED THE RECENT ILO MEETING IN GENEVA SAID THE

QUESTION OF AMERICA'S INTENDED WITHDRAWAL WAS ONE OF THE
"BURNING ISSUES."

MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL, HBASES ITS
EDITORIAL COMMENT ON A REUTER STORY FROM LONDON QUOTING A COMMONWEALTH
H
SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THAT THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR A
COMMONWEALTH PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN RHODESIA DURING THE TRANSITION
PERIOD TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE.

THE MAIL EDITORIAL HOWEVER SAYS BRITAIN IS PREPARING A PACKAGE
DEAL INTENDED TO SMOOTH THE TRANSFER OF POWER FROM WHITE TO AFRICAN
HANDS, WHICH INCLUDES THE SENDING OF COMMONWEALTH ARMED FORCES
TO ZIMBABWE TO PREVENT CIVIL WAR DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD.

BUT THE PAPER FEELS THAT ANY PLAN TO SEND A COMMONWEALTH FORCE TO
ZIMBABWE "SHOULD HAVE THE FULL APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND
THE OTHER FRONTLINE STATES BEFORE IT IS EVEN ATTEMPTED."

SAYS THE MAIL: "WE SHALL INSIST ON THIS PROVISIO, FOR AFRICA AS
A WHOLE HAS HAD AN UNFORTUNATE EXPERIENCE WITH THE INTERVENTION
OF OUTSIDE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF KEEPING PEACE
IN AFRICAN TERRITORY."

NOTING PAST EXPERIENCE IN THE CONGO IN 1960 WHERE THE UN WAS
INVITED BY THAT COUNTRY'S PRIME MINISTER, PATRICE LUMUMBA, TO
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COME AND RESTORE LAW AND ORDER, THE MAIL OBSERVES THAT THE ENTIRE
EXERCISE GOT BOGGED DOWN IN PETTY SQUABBLES AS EACH NATION TRIED
TO EXTEND ITS HEGEMONY.

THE NEWSPAPER SAYS: "WE HAVE SEEN INVITATIONS TO OUTSIDE FORCES USED
NOT SO MUCH AS TO HELP AN ELECTED REGIME AND ITS PEOPLE LAY DOWN
A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR THEIR OWN INDEPENDENCE, BUT TO PERPETUATE
IRON TYRANNY, INSTIL DICTATORSHIP AND BOLSTER STINKING PUPPET
REGIMES."

THIS, IN THE VIEW OF THE MAIL, "IS AN EXTREMELY TRICKY PROBLEM
FOR AFRICA."

HOWEVER, THE PAPER ADDS: "YET THE RECENT BEHAVIOR OF THE FASCISTS
SOUTH OF US IS AMPLE WARNING THAT ZIMBABWE SHOULD NOT BE LEFT A
VACUUM DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD TO INDEPENDENCE.

"TO DO SO WOULD ONLY BE TO INVITE VORSTER'S ARMY, THE DISGRUNTLED
REMNANTS OF SMITH'S SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE AND OTHER MERCENARIES
FROM TOTHER COUNTRIES TO MOVE IN ON THE PRETEXT THAT THERE WAS
DANGER TO LIVES."

GOES ON THE MAIL EDITORIAL: "WE SAW THIS IN ANGOLA IMMEDIATELY AFTER INDEPENDENCE. WE ARE WITNESSING THIS IN MOZAMBIQUE WHERE SMITH CLAIMS HE IS THERE MERELY TO PURSUE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO ARE RAIDING RHODESIA.

THE PAPER SAYS THE FIVE FRONTLINE STATES PRESIDENTS HAVE ALL THE FACTS BEFORE THEM AND CONCLUDES WITH THESE WORDS: "LET NO OUTSIDE FORCES MOVE IN WITHOUT THEIR (FRONTLINE STATES) FULL CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL."

ALTHOUGH LOCALLY-ORIGINATED STORIES TAKE UP MUCH OF THE SPACE IN LOCAL PRESS, REPORTS ON THE OAU FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN LIBREVILLE AND MOZAMBIQUE'S CASE BEFORE THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL ALSO RECEIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE.
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OTHER ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANCE INCLUDE THE MAPUTO-ORIGINATED CLAIM BY MOZAMBIQUE THAT RHODESIAN FORCES ATTACKED A VILLAGE OF GOI IN MANICA PROVINCE, BUT MOZAMBIKAN FORCES DESTROYED AN ARMoured CAR. NO CASUALTY FIGURES WERE GIVEN.

ALSO REPORTED ON IS THE POSSIBILITY OF A COMMONWEALTH PEACE-KEEPING FORCE FOR RHODESIA, WHICH A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANIZATION'S SECRETARIAT DENIED SAYING THERE ARE NO SUCH PLANS.

ON THE FOREIGN PAGES OF BOTH THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA AND THE ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL, ARE REPORTS ON SUDANESE PRESIDENT JAAFAR NIMEIRI'S WARNING TO "SISTER AND FRIENDLY COUNTRIES" AGAINST WHAT HE CALLED A NEW SOVIET IMPERIALISM HIDING UNDER THE BANNER OF PROGRESSIVENESS AND SOCIALISM.

THE ALLEGED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE US AND ISRAEL OVER MIDDLE EAST PEACE POLICY "AFTER PUBLICLY INDICATING DISAGREEMENT" ON THE FUTURE OF THE WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN RIVER, THE PURGE IN CHINA, THE OPENING TODAY OF A TWO-DAY COMMON MARKET SUMMIT IN LONDON, THE MISSING CANADIAN JOURNALIST, AND THE RECOGNITION OF THE NEW AFRICAN NATION OF DJIBOUTI BY MOSCOW, ARE ALSO COVERED ON THE FOREIGN PAGES OF THE TWO NEWSPAPERS. ITEM USIS LUSAKA.
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